

H. W. Beecher

To have them published in
the Methodist will be

peculiarly agreeable to me.

My early association with you
people, in the West, has left

a warm feeling of affection,

& I do not feel foreign to you,

but a child at home, rather

as I grow older. I more highly

value the elements which

draw & bind all that truly

love Christ. So gather. And I

esteem it a grateful compliment

to my feelings, when Christians of
denominations not my own, accept
my services.

I am truly yours

Dr. Crook

H. W. Beecher

Oct 19th 1866

Dear Sir

I have no objection
to make it an arrangement
wh you propose -

You can have a sermon
fortnightly, or weekly, if you
shall think it best -

My connection with
the Independent termi-
nates in January early -
- three months notice
being required of contract

Which notice I have
given -

Other arrangements are
suggested, for the publication
time of my Sermons, but
nothing is settled. But
whatever may come of
these consultations on the
part of friends, it need make
no difference with you
- as there will always be
at least a Sermon a
week, or some equivalent

lecture - In regard to the
Sermons, I feel delighted
that the people are willing
to read them, & a sort of
wish that while this appetite
lasts, it might be met
as universally as possible -
The same reason that would lead
one to preach at all, should lead
him to rejoice in an audience
so large as yours - It is a
peculiar pleasure to me to think
that so many poor widows, spinsters,
working men, sick people, scattered
families without Churches, - are
fed by me, unconsciously & without
toil. & that the Sermons silently
& invisibly multiply, as it were
my personal labors for Christ.